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te Legislature at Last Getting Down to Solid Work.

Public Land Bill Taken Up in the

Ber an Adoption of Several Amendments it is Passed.

Railroad Bill Comes Up as a Spe-

cial Order.

the House Fails to Act on It-

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Austin. March 2—The senate met at

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to engrossment.

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amending the laws regulating asylum so as to place cinting power in the hands he board of managers and to pay m for their services use bills amending the Sunday

and providing punishment for ons who conceal embezzled proppassed to engrossment yesterday, taken up and passed.

rnment of the legislature passed. ger. djourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow. House.

pending question at adjourn-was the land bill and the adopf Mr. Browning's substitute. Wurzbach said he thought it

pper to move the previous queson this bill or substitute, as it was important matter and the time in its discussion was time well Hazelwood addressed the house

ly, in which he expressed a preffor the senate bill as against Douglass thought the present

in the statute books far preferable her the bill or substitute. Acker thought the only way to tany legislation on this subject to cure certain defects in the

te bill by careful amendments, and Robinson of Jack favored the te bill, not because he approved of

tovisions, but because he thought wold have the effect to take the mony soff the market. He did not be- Mr. any other bill could pass this sesand unless some legislation effected the lands would the under

at rumously low figures and in bodies and thus put this section untry in which these lands are Med beyond the possibility of lement by the agriculturalist and all stockmen. He favored a lease on two to ten cents per acre per im and opposed selling large bodwatered lands.

ning. It provides for a subordi-branch of the general land office sification, etc., for the sale of litural lands to actual settlers antities not to exceed 140 acres to he person on from five to twenty time at a minimum of three per nere for unwatered and five dollars for watered. units the sale only of agricultural and lease of pasture lands at five peracre for not longer than ten

ading the reading of this subthe special order came up the measure went over. bill appropriation

taken up and the house went into committee of the whole, Mr. Wurzbach in the chair.

Under the head of judiciary department the committee items were adopted except the items for ex-officion services of clerks of the supreme court, which were reduced from five hundred to two hundred dollars each. The clause under the head of deaf and services of elerks of the supreme court, which were reduced from five hundred to two hundred dollars each. The clause under the head of deaf and dumb asylum was adopted by items when the RALLEGAD BILL.

Came up as a special order. Mr. For the following the house, and that the bill will be shut out to-morrow, was not a test vote the unlooked for strength developed by the opposition caused consternation in the ranks of the friends of the measure. The railroad men claim this afternoon that they have a majority of eight votes in the Bouse, and that the bill will go to the Star Route Trial.

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RAHLROAD BILL.

came up as a special order. Mr. Foster of Limestone moved that the committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again, which gave rise to a long discussion.

Mr. Upton opposed the motion on the ground that the appropriation bill was more important and should be disposed of before any other bill be taken up.

they have a majority of eight votes in the house, and that the bill will go to the wall on first fire, but this is doubted. One thing is certain, if the bill gets through the house it will be so thardly recognizable. The indications are that the senate land bill will pass the house with some few amendments. There is considerable opposition to the high prices named in the bill, but the greatest objection is be-

bill was more important and should be disposed of before any other bill be taken up.

Messrs. Foster of Grayson, and Acker and Frymier agreed with Mr. Upton.

Mr. Chenoweth called attention to the fact that this bill had already been postponed in deference to the wishes of certain members, and while he was disposed and ready to do whatever the will of the house indicated, he contended that the bill was entitled to its acquired place before the house.

Mr. Stagner said he was astonished to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad bill as it to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad bill as it to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad bill as it to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad bill as it to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad bill as it to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad bill as it to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad bill as it to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad bill as it to hear the gentleman from Lampasas (Acker) speaking against the present consideration of the railroad commissioners. A similar resolution has been engrossed in the house.

The following charters were filed to disposed and ready to do whatever the will compromise by accepting one or two amendments, legislation may be effected, but if it does not the lands may go bask on the market at the expiration of ninety days from the adout may go bask on the market at the expiration of ninety days from the adout may go bask on the market at the expiration of ninety days from the adout may go bask on the market at the expiration of ninety days from

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Mr. Pfeuffer entered a motion to resider the vote passing the house lyesterday, providing that the state all pay the expense of maintaining mates in country jalls.

The joint resolution amending the stitution, taken up yesters, and which was published in flin the GAZFTTE of February 23d relation to the school tax was laid for the senate.

Mr. Gooch offered to amend by profing for a district system. Adopted.

Mr. Harris offered to amend by giving out the clause requiring the tyand collection of the tax for the sarses.

Mr. Foster of Limestone said if the late of the sale and had got no nearer a solution of its good or bad for the sale and sale and

Mr. Foster of Limestone said if the gentleman from Lampass had had so much time to study the bill and was not ready to consider the question, would be please say when he would be ready. He contended that if the house passed the appropriation bill there were many members tion bill there were many members who would vote to adjourn. Without the appropriation bill they would not dare to go home, but pass it and many important matters would remain un attended to. The people were speaking in thunder tones for certain legislation, and if those who favored an answer to those demands should lose their grip on this appropriation bill they would be de-

bed by the state where she loans the of fund." Lost.

In Terreil offered to amend so as to had the investment of the universand. Adopted.

Mr. Foster, of Grayson, said the appropriation bill could be disposed of to-day and to-morrow, and after that, he for one, was willing to stay here till the other important business was

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Mr. Swan opposed the motion and Ir. Gooch offered to amend so as to claimed that it was best to complete

the asylum funds. Adopted the appropriation bill.

Mr. Jones said while some were subject to the exception, those who were distribution relating to county school opposed to this motion were in the main opposed to any railload legisla-permission Mr. Farrar introduced tion at all. He held that side issues were being lugged in for the purpose of decoy, and incidentally al-luded to the fact that a certain gentleman had informed him that such was the programme mapped out. Adopting the line of argument of Mr. Foster, he said that to pass the appropriation bill, and go home leaving the railroad, school and other important bills in abeyance, and with Wash Jones alive, e house resolution relative to the the Democratic party would be in dan-

After some further discussion by Messrs. Labatt, Cravens, Patterson, Hazelwood, Douglass and others, Mr. Upton moved to amend Mr. Foster's vailed; yeas 49, nays 35.

The railroad bill was taken up, and

pending reading the house adjourned tending the theater, consequently all until 3 o'clock. AFTERNOON SESSION.

The pending business was the railroad bill, which was read at length, and required nearly all the afternoon After the reading had been finished the house adjourned.

Notes.

The house judiciary committee has reported favorably the bill allowing pay to jurors summoned for a week for time of attendance, whether sworn or not. Also favorably allowing mayors of cities to celebrate rites of matri-

Mr. Armistead, of the house, has acquired the reputation of being the most plain-spoken member on the Indeed, when he takes the floor. floor the occupants of the reporters' table at once prick up their ears and the The suit is the outgrowth of an article members give unanimous attention. Plain talk sometimes does good. Irish Catholic circulars distributed it enables us "to see ourselves as others during the recent gubernatorial cam-Plain talk sometimes does

Etheridge's resolution instructing the attorney general to ascertain if the balled. roads in matter of leases, has been re-

Robinson offered a substitute ported favorably.

The reporters of the house were entering. It provides for a subordibranch of the general land office Messrs. Labatt and Duff, representa-

h is to manage the school lands tives of the Galveston district.

assilication, etc., for the sale of The pension bill is tied up under a motion to reconsider, and just now its

fate looks doubtful. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's lecture here will attract an immense crowd, and it is fortunate the large representative

hall has been secured. The railroad men are here now in full force, the "big bosses" having ar-

As to whether there will be any railAs to whether there will be any railroad legislation by the house appears to have resolved itself into a question of generalship. Mr. Upton, the best parliamentarian in the house, is leadparliamentarian in the house, is lead- bills.

WASHINGTON.

The Bill to Increase the Pay of Postmasters Passed.

Tariff Conferees Committees Reaches an Agreement.

Washington, March 2.-Mr. Van-Wyck presented the credentials of

viding at that hour the senate will pro- passed. ceed to elect a successor.

Mr. Plumb—From the committee on Mr. Plumb—From the committee on conference on the post-office appropri-ation bill reported the conferces failed to agree upon the terms and provisions in the bill. The appropria-tion for fast mail service and legisla-tion relative to the Pacific roads re-

committee appointed. Bills providing for the admission free of duty of articles intended for question of adjournment is composed of Messrs, Brown, Wurzbach, Upton, Foster of Grayson, and Acker. It is not believed this conference commit-tee can or will effect anything. the Louisville and Denver expositions

port was agreed to and a new conferees

On motion of Mr. Logan the resolu-tion was adopted providing for a select committee to examine into the condition of the Sioux Indians on their reservation.

After an executive session Messrs, Allison, Hale and Beck were appointed conferees on the sundry civil bill. The item limiting the compensation to be paid subsidized rallways for army transportation was stricken from the

In speaking of the pending business, the bill excluding public lands in Ala-bama from the operations of laws re-lating to mineral lands, Mr. VanWyck street corners, as to the extravagances The total cotton receipts in the Dallas market last year were 25,000 bales. Up to date of the present year 35,000 bales have been received, and it is estimated that 15,000 bales are yet to come.

James Willis, a negro, was lodged in jail to-day on a charge of stealing in jail to-day on a ch howed that he was allowed one hundred and fifty dollars. Merciek, another lawyer received even a larger per diem but as he lived in Washington the thirds in the affirmative. voucher did not show that he charged and also temptations to them to hang no positive proof of their guilt until a short time ago when he sent a dissuper detective among them who secure in the District of Columbia. Republican party punished thieves. Only lately lately these pereformances were equally gard to steel. as infamous as the star route rob-

on Ross avenue, was destroyed by fire to-night. The family were absent at-

following proceedings occurred:

paign. A large number are present, and anowed to place their hands in the treasury to any depth they choose, and it leaks out that the majority are in favor of a Republican candidate for in favor of a Republican candidate for mayor, to pit against the five inde-pendent Democrats. No nomination will be made to-night.

DALLAS.

Anthony's Remains Taken to Green-

ville-Band of Thieves Captured.

Special to the Gazette.
Dallas, March 2—Messrs. Andrews and Upthegrow of Greenville, arrived

this morning in response to a telegram

sent yesterday inquiring what disposition to make of the body of W. N.

Anthony, who died in the city hospital of injuries received from being run

over by the pay car of the Central road near Richardson Tuesday morn-

jewelry from the store of S. Beck. The

county, is in the city and reports hav-

ing arrested yesterday and the day be fore and lodged in the Hill county jail

four of the alleged train robbers who

attacked the train on the Gulf, Colo-

rado & Santa Fe road last June and November. Their names are Tom

November. Their names are Tom Killen, Bob Burleson, John Bennett and Mart Yarbrough. All except Killen were captured Wednesday night in Hill county and he was arrested at Cleburne last night. The

parties have been suspected for a long

time but Sheriff Brown says he had no positive proof of their guilt until a

cured sufficient evidence to warrant

their arrest. The Hill county grand

jury is now in session and the case of

the prisoners will be acted upon at an

early day. This makes nine men ar-rested in north Texas this past week

Ex-Sheriff Brown, of Johnson

property was recovered.

Editor Arrested.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 2.—Col. A. W. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, was arrested to-day on the charge of libel on the oath of Jno. Gallage of the control of lagher, a watchman at the capitol. published in the Times in reference to Antonio, Texas. Objected to. Irish Catholic circulars distributed

Returned.

Albany, N. Y., March 2 .- The gov ernor returned to the assembly the bill reducing the rate of fare on the New York elevated roads, with a mesage giving his reasons therefor.

Chinese Suicide.

San Francisco, March 2.-Sing Lum the Chinese nurderer who was to have been executed to-pay hanged himself in his cell this morning during the temporary atsence of the guard.

In Darkness.

the superintendency goes to ready looking to this city. In ten Fears are entertained for the safety of The ork in May as President I months, or by next fall, President J. the crew who are in the rigging. Lifesers secretary in the rigging of the Kansas & Gulf boats cannot board her.

approval of the department and was considered by the postoffice committee as the best and fairest proposition that could be drawn. The bill retains the present classifications of postmasters as to first class. The bill carries \$12,000 additional compensation. The salaries of postmasters at St. Louis, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia was increased from four to six thousand, and at Ciucinnati, Baltimore, San Francisco and Washington from four to six thousand, and at Ciucinnati, Baltimore, San Francisco and and third class postmasters remain as an tyresent. The rate of commission granted fourth class postmasters has been changed so they would receive about the same compensation under

In order to meet every objection, the bill had been amended in many particulars. No authority was given to the consolidation to operate the branches or spurs, and a provision had been inserted prohibiting the consolidation therefor.

In soting an exception to one of Judge Wylie's rulings the defense of fered to prove that the employee a government had agreed to secure extra pay for the witness and were to receive a consideration therefor.

Isaac Cabel, who had been employed by the constitution of the branches or spurs, and a provision had been inserted prohibiting the consolidation of any parallel or competing line. There was also a provision that nothing should be construed to relieve any of the companies from the consequences of any failure to perform any act required by any law or by any provision in their charters, nor should anything be construed to revive or conform any land grands to to revive or conform any land grands to any company whether made by the United States or by any state. The bill also protected the states and the the bill excluding public lands in Alabama from the operations of laws relating to mineral lands, Mr. VanWyck criticised the large compensation allowed attorneys in the star route cases and the department of justice in allowing such large amounts. He had hoped the stories told at the star course was to the extravarance course over those controversies. courts over those controversies.

> of the remaining items in such bills Lost, 115 to 56, not the necessary two-

for board. It was perfectly plain now communication from the secretary of why these suits continued as long as the navy transmitting a report of the they did. It was an inducement court inquiry into the loss of the Jean-to these men to continue six months, nette. Referred. Recess.

the jury, if it was true they did, but he did not say they did. That the courts of administration rado, ends a long and strenges conof justice in the District of Columbia test between the Hill and Tell factions should be occupied six months in a in favor of the former candidate. It is common case was an outrage which stated at the department that the deought not to be tolerated. No greater cision was based upon the ground that disgrace has ever been connected with as Denver is Schator Hill's home he is

He desired that the people should be protected from such outrages. It had about 12:30 this evening, and forthwith tors of political crimes from extradition tors of political crimes from extradition always been said in the past that the sent their report to the government does not occur in the Ashburton treaty. its printing office in order to be able to thieves. Only late(y he present it to both houses in printed had discovered why Howgate had form before adjournment day. The remotion so that the committee should rise and report progress, and ask leave to sit again to-morrow at 12 o'clock. This motion was opposed by the This motion was opposed by the friends of the railroad bill, but it prevailed was 10 nave 25. Without any doubt crease of rates, and especially in re-

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> Dublin, March 2.—Another arrest in floods in America. The colored men's Republican council suit. Grand lawyers were gathered tariff commission. The cell is in secret session at the city half, deliberating on the municipal came and allowed to place their hands in the rate proposed by

Under operation of the Pond rule the been subjects to controversy in the metal schedule. The conference com Mr. Spaniding, under instructions mittee recommend only one change from the committee on Indian alfairs, in the sugar schedule, viz: an increase Mr. Spaniding, under institution of the sugar schedule, viz. and from the committee on Indian affairs, in the sugar schedule, viz. and of the way in which the lunus of the bill appropriating out of ing above No. 13 and not above land lengue were disposed of.

Madrid, March 2—The names of the Black Hand the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian ing above No. 13 and not above funds \$12,000 for the relief of Powers sixteen Datch standard. The senate fixed this duty at 2) cents per pound. Mr. Herbert, under instructions Some minor changes of classifications from the committee on public buildings and grounds, called up the bill for none of rates. The only the erection of a public building at San change in the woolen schedule is to Antonio, Texas. Objected to.

Mr. Carpenter, under instructions from the committee on education and womens' cloaks. In the glass and hanged. The most culpable remainder, paign reported to have been signed by labor called up the District of Columbia earthenware schedule the committee bill, which was agreed to. ll, which was agreed to.

Mr. Caswell sumitted a conference pound on glass bottles and transfer report on the postoffice appropriation printed and painted crockery to the erew of the Steamer Wm. Dickinson, bill which states there is a continued china clause, thereby increasing the before reported atlandoned arrived disagreement on the items providing duty from 50 per cent. ad valorem to

for special mail facilities and limiting 60 per cent.

The committee recommended the Mr. Robinson moved the house recede from its disagreement to two amendments and agree to the same, Agreed to. The effect of this vote is to pass the bill retaining the nurrouria.

The provisions of the bill reducing the insisting of 711 cattle and 1570 sheep have been lauded at Berkenhead by the steamer Victoria from Boston. The animals are in a healthy condition.

ties and without the clause limiting the compensation to be paid to subsidized railroads for mail transportation.

The senate bill amending the men and all interested in wool raising public land to several states and territories.

The senate still amending the men and all interested in wool raising much and all interested in wool raising public land to several states and territories.

ments to the sundry civil appropria- ly contented and prominent Democrats

the ments to the sandry civil appropriation bills were non-concurred in.

The conference report on the District of Columbia appropriation was agreed to.

Mr. Bingham moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill to adjust the salaries of postmasters. He explained the object of the bill was to adjust the salaries of 4,700 postmasters. This has been rendered necessary by the action of congress in reducing the rates of postage to take effect the first of October next. The measure met with the approval of the department and was considered by the postoffice committee

about the same compensation under two cent law as they had under the three cent law.

Messrs. McMillan and Holman opposition of the postoffice committee, and through his influence he expected to get an increase, and he referred to Dorsey and the second astwo cent law as they had under the three cent law.

Messrs. McMillan and Holman opposed the bill. The motion was agreed to; ayes 152, nays 21, and the bill passed.

Mr. Butterworth moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill to authorize the Northern Pacific and other railing toad companies to unite and consolidate, so as to form a continuous line of road from the tidal waters of the Pacific to the gulf of Mexico. He explained the bill authorized the consolidation of roads to form a continuous line from the Pacific to the gulf. In order to meet every objection, the

In noting an exception to one of Judge Wyhe's rulings the defense of-

Parnell and His Followers Will Tell Americans a Tale.

Another Man Confesses He is a Phœnix Park Assassin.

The Empress of Germany Sends Relief to the Flood Sufferers.

Dublin, March 3.—The London correspondent of the Freemans Journal netually warrants asserts that thirds in the affirmative.

The speaker laid before the house a communication from the secretary of the ber one copies of which ber one copies of which the arrest of the man known as numbeen sent to Liverpool and Birmingham. There is reason to believe he will shortly be arrested. The corres-The nomination of Robert Morris pondent adds that England has no option but to apply to the French and American governments respectively for the extradition of Byrne and Sheridan. If foreign states think they can justly and prudently withdraw murder from trial the responsibility is

primarily theirs. London, March 2.- The Law Times in an article on the application for the extradition of Sheridan, points out-The treaty it says does include murder and by decisions rendered in New York the crime of murder includes being accessory thereto. The question is strictly a legal one. The Law T'm s sa 7s the utmost charge that can be brought against Sheridan is conspiracy to murder and his offense therefore is not within the strict terms of the treaty but the United States has

discretionary power in the matter.

Berlin, March 2.—The empress of Germany gives 10,000 marks to the fund for the relief of sufferers by the

connection with the murder conspir-

and several of Parnell's followers in commons will accompany the latter to America. It is his intention to give

entire committee of the Black Hand society, its documents and statutes in-cluding a list of members of seven thousand, are in the hands of the government. A special tribunal will try of murder, and possibly fifteen will be hanged. The most culpable remainder, probably three hundred, will be sentenced to life-long penal servitude. Malta, March 2.—Thirteen of the

before reported abandoned arrived London, March 2.—The largest shipment of live stock this winter, con-

Agreed to. The elect of this to pass the bill retaining the appropriation of \$180,000 for special mail facilities gard to the result of the tariff conference in the prevalent sentiments as gathered to pass the bill retaining the appropriation of \$180,000 for special mail facilities gard to the result of the tariff conference in the prevalent sentiments as gathered to pass the bill retaining the appropriation of \$180,000 for special mail facilities. The prevalent sentiments as gathered in Andurid, started a print of the prevalent sentiments as gathered from conversations with members in region of \$180,000 for special mail facilities.

mit robbery and arson at the bidding of their leaders.

Paris, March 2.—The Tempts says Byrne will be released instantly if it be proved he was in Loudon May 6th

as in the state, and

They do not deny, however, that the secretary is much prostrated and his many system generally disorganized.